

PLANNING DIVISION CITY OF SUNNYVALE P.O. BOX 3707 SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA 94088-3707 File Number: 2006-0069 No. 06-08

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This form is provided as a notification of an intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration which has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and Resolution #118-04.

PROJECT TITLE:

Application for a Tentative Map and Special Development Permit filed by KB Home.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION (APN):

2006-0069 — **KB** Home [Applicant] **Anthony R Marques Trustee** [Owner]: Application for related proposals on a 3.6-acre site located at **1168 Aster Avenue** (near Lawrence Expressway) in an M-S/ITR/R-3/PD (Industrial & Service/Industrial to Residential/Medium-Density Residential/Planned Development) Zoning District. (Mitigated Negative Declaration) (APN: 213-01-015) SL;

- Special Development Permit to allow 80 condominium units,
- Tentative Map to subdivide one lot into 80 condominium units and 12 common lots.

WHERE TO VIEW THIS DOCUMENT:

The **Mitigated Negative Declaration**, its supporting documentation and details relating to the project are on file and available for review and comment in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Commission, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

This **Mitigated Negative Declaration** may be protested in writing by any person prior to 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 8, 2006**. Protest shall be filed in the Department of Community Development, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale and shall include a written statement specifying anticipated environmental effects which may be significant. A protest of a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be considered by the adopting authority, whose action on the protest may be appealed.

HEARING INFORMATION:

A public hearing on the project is scheduled for:

Monday, May 8, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

TOXIC SITE INFORMATION:

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(No) listed toxic sites are present at the project location.

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FINDINGS:

The Director of Community Development of the City of Sunnyvale, California, hereby determines that an environmental impact report is not required. There are sufficient environmental controls incorporated into the zoning regulations to ensure no significant detrimental effect.

The above determination is based upon the initial study conducted in this matter, information provided by the applicant in an "Application for Environmental Finding" that the above determination is based on the information provided by the applicant in an "Application for Environmental Clearence" and is based on the fact that the use is in keeping with not in conflict with the adopted General Plan, The Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance. That the use is specifically permitted by a Use Permit and that sufficient environmental controls are incorporated in the Zoning and Subdivision regulations as to ensure no significant detrimental effect. The use would be in keeping with the character of the (proposed) Zoning District. That site and architectural control will be exercised over the proposed development by the Planning Commission. Sufficient environmental controls are incorporated in the Zoning and Subdivision regulations to ensure no significant detrimental effect by any proposed use, in the case of a PD overlay or any application for a (Use Permit)(SDP) and arc. con. by city. No endangered species are known to depend on this site for habitat.

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Circulated On <u>April 13, 2006</u>	Signed: Jano Carro
	Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner
Adopted On	Verified:
	Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner

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California Department of Fish and Game CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE/LOCATION (INCLUDE COUNTY):

The Tentative Map and Special Development Permit is located on 1168 Aster Ave, City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa Clara in an M-S/ITR/R-3/PD (Industrial & Service/Industrial to Residential/Medium-Density Residential/Planned Development) Zoning District. APN: 213-01-015

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FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION:

- 1. This project is in an urban setting.
- 2. There is no alteration of land or effect on fish or wildlife.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Gerri Carúso

Title: Principal Planner, Community Development

Lead Agency: City of Sunnyvale

Date: April 13, 2006



INITIAL STUDY
City of Sunnyvale
Department of Community Development
Planning Division
P.O. Box 3707
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

Project #: 2006-0069

Project Address: 1168 Aster Avenue, Sunnyvale

Applicant: KB Home

Project Title	Application for Special Development Permit and Tentative Map for 80 townhomes.
Lead Agency Name and Address	City of Sunnyvale
	PO Box 3707 Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707
Contact Person	Steve Lynch, Associate Planner
Phone Number	(408) 730-2723
Project Location	1168 Aster Ave Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Project Sponsor's Name	KB Home South Bay Inc.
Address	6700 Koll Center Pkwy. Ste 200
	Pleasanton, CA 94566
Zoning	M-S/ITR/R-3/PD
General Plan	Industrial to Medium Density Residential
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Other Public Agencies whose approval is	Bay Area Air Quality
required	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
	Santa Clara Valley Water District

Description of the Project:

The project consists of a Special Development Permit application to allow the construction of 80 townhomes, which would include total approximately 150,000 square feet of buildings on a 3.6 acre parcel. The new units will be grouped into 12 buildings. The site will include a clubhouse.

The four existing industrial and manufacturing buildings are proposed to be demolished. These buildings do not have any Federal, State, or local historical or architectural significance. The applicant has completed a Phase I Environmental Assessment that concludes the site has known no known soil and groundwater contamination, either on-site or in the historical records.

Surrounding Uses and Setting: Surrounding Zoning to the west and east are multi-family residential (R-4/PD - Residential High Density/Planned Development and City of Santa Clara multi-family housing project across Lawrence Expressway). The Zoning to the north is an Industrial to Residential (M-3/ITR/R-3/PD) Zone and is currently being used as a materials retail and storage yard (Peninsula Building Materials). The Zoning to the south is Residential Medium Density (R-3/PD) and Industrial to Residential (M-3/ITR/R-3/PD) Zone. These two sites are occupied by Sunnyvale Meadows Condominiums and Rainbow Play Structures.

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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).

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3. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.

4. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

5. "Negative Declaration: Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section 17, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).

6. Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c) (3) (d). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:

7. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.

8. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

9. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project

10. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.



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ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages. Aesthetics Hazards & Hazardous **Public Services** Materials Agricultural Resources Hydrology/Water Recreation Quality Air Quality Land Use/Planning Transportation/Traffic Biological Resources Mineral Resources Utilities/Service Systems Cultural Resources Noise Mandatory Findings of Significance J Geology/Soils Population/Housing **DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)** On the basis of this initial evaluation: I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be M a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required. I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potential significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required. Signáture Steve Lynch, Associate Planner For the City of Sunnyvale (Lead Agency)

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Sig. With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No Impact	Source
1.	AESTHETICS. Would the project:					
	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?					2, 94
	 Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? 					2, 94
	c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?					2, 94, 101
	d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?					2, 94
2.	AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:					
	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?					3, 94, 100, 111
	 Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. 					3, 94, 100, 111
	c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?					3, 96, 97, 100, 111
	d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		\boxtimes			62, 63, 111, 112
	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				\boxtimes	111, 112
3.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:					
	a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?					2, 94, 111, 112, 109



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	b.	Have a substantially adverse impact on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S Wildlife Service?					2, 94, 111, 112, 109
	C.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes	2, 94, 111, 112, 109
	d.	Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?					2, 94, 111, 112, 109
·	е.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?					2, 94, 111, 112, 109
	f.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation Community Plan, other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes	41,94, 111, 112
4.	CU	LTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:					
	a,	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?					See disc.
J	b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resources pursuant to Section 15064.5					10, 42, 94
(c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes	10, 42, 94, 111
. (d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?					2, 111, 112
		ND USE AND PLANNING. Would the ect:					
6	а.	Physically divide an established community?					2, 11, 12, 21, 28



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	b.	Conflict with an applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?					31, 28, 111
	C.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan?					2, 41, 94, 111
6.	MI	NERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:					
	а.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?					2, 94
	b.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				\boxtimes	2, 94
7.	NO	ISE. Would the project result in:		,			
	a.	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?					2, 16, 26, 94, 111, 112
	b.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?					2, 16, 26, 94, 111, 112
	C.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					2, 16, 26, 94, 111, 112
	d.	A substantially temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					See disc.
8.		PULATION AND HOUSING. Would the ject:					
	a.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?					2, 94
	b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of					2, 11, 111, 112



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replacement housing elsewhere?					
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?					2, 11, 111, 112
9. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:					
a. Schools?				\boxtimes	2, 111, 112
b. Police protection?		· []			26, 65, 66, 103, 104
c. Fire protection?				\boxtimes	26, 65, 66, 103, 104
d. Parks?					2, 111, 112
e. Other services?				\boxtimes	111
10. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE					
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?					2, 10, 26, 42, 59, 60, 61, 111, 112
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?					1, 2, 111, 112

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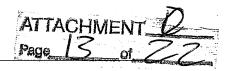
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effects	le project have environmental which will cause substantial adverse on human beings, either directly or ly?				\boxtimes	111, 112
11. GEOLOGY	AND SOILS. Would the project:			-		
substar	people or structures to potential tial adverse effects, including the oss, injury or death involving:					
as Alq Ma the evi Div	pture of a known earthquake fault, delineated on the most recent uist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning p issued by the State Geologist for area or based on other substantial dence of a known fault? Refer to ision of Mines and Geology Special olication 42.					UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC
ii) Str	ong seismic ground shaking?					££
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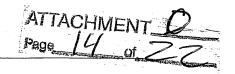
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12.	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:					
	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?					2, 20, 24, 87, 88, 89, 90, 111, 112
	b. Require or result in construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?					2, 20, 24, 25, 87, 88, 89, 111, 112
	c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes	2, 20, 24, 25, 87, 88, 89, 111, 112
	d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?					2, 20, 24, 25, 87, 88, 89, 111, 112
	e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which services or may serve the project determined that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?					2, 20, 24, 25, 87, 88, 89, 111, 112
	f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?					2, 22, 90, 111, 112
ż	g. Comply with federal, state, and local statues and regulations related to solid waste?					2, 22, 90, 111, 112
13.	TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:					
	a. Cause an increase in the traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?					2, 12, 71, 75-77, 111, 112
	b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management					2, 12, 71, 75-77, 80, 84, 111, 112



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		agency for designated roads or highways?					
-	C.	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?					2, 111, 112, 113
	d.	Substantially increase hazards to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment)?					2, 12, 71, 75-77, 80, 84, 111, 112
	e.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes	2, 111, 112
	f.	Result in inadequate parking capacity?				\boxtimes	37, 111
	g.	Conflict with adopted policies or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?					2, 12, 81, 111, 112
14.		ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. uld the project?					
	a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the likely release of hazardous materials into the environment?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	c.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an exiting or proposed school?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?					UFC, UBC, SVMC



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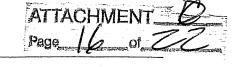
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	f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	g. Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?					UFC, UBC, SVMC
	h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands					UFC, UBC, SVMC
15.	RECREATION					
	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?					2, 18, 111, 112
	b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?					2, 18, 111, 112
	AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:					
	a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to nonagricultural use?					94
	b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes	94
. (c. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of				\boxtimes	" 94 [°]



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	Farmland, to non-agricultural use					
	IYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would ne project:					
a	waste discharge requirements?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112
b	Substantially degrade groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?		•			2, 24, 25, 111, 112
С	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation onor off-site?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112
d	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off site?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112
e.	Create or contribute runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112
f.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				\boxtimes	2, 24, 25, 111, 112
g.	as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112
h.	structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes	2, 24, 25, 111, 112
l.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of					2, 24, 25, 111, 112



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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Sig. With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No Impact	Source
the failure of a levee or dam?	. ,				
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?					2, 24, 25, 111, 112

DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS THAT ARE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT:

- 1. AESTHETICS (c) The City's implementation of the Citywide Design Guidelines and staff's review of final development plans, which will be submitted for final Building Permit review, will ensure that the final design of the project is consistent with the plans reviewed by the Planning Commission. The project will not degrade the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. As a result, this impact will be less than significant.
- 4. CULTURAL RESOURCES (a) See Note for 4 (b).
- **4. CULTURAL RESOURCES (b)** Staff has no evidence of archaeological resources being located on-site or being found in the immediate vicinity. However, the project scope does include grading and minor excavation of the site for the construction of basements for the proposed dwelling units. There may be the potential that the project may uncover yet undiscovered archaeological resources. As a standard Condition of Approval for project involving major excavation, staff has included specific project requirements related to the potential discovery of any archeological resources and what procedures need to be followed. Based on this analysis and the standard Conditions of Approval noted, staff has determined that the project would have a less than significant impact.
- 7. NOISE (c) The project will introduce additional sources of noise to the project area both during construction and as an operational aspect of the 80 additional housing units. The new use of the property is anticipated to be more intensive at certain times (weekday evenings and weekends) than the existing industrial buildings, but less intensive at other times (weekday daytime). Through the City's implementation of the Citywide Design Guidelines and Municipal Code noise regulations, this impact will be lessened to a less than significant level both during construction and post-construction operation.
- 7. NOISE (d) The project may introduce short-term and temporary additional sources of noise to the project area during construction. Through the City's implementation of the Citywide Design Guidelines and Municipal Code noise regulations, this impact will be lessened to a less than significant level during construction.



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8. POPULATION AND HOUSING (a) The project will add 80 new residential units to the project site. The project's impact will be a slight incremental beneficial impact to the City's Jobs/Housing balance. As a result, this positive aspect of the project is a less than significant impact.

- **9. PUBLIC SERVICES (d)** The project will generate a very slight increase in the use of existing park facilities, but this impact is less than significant because the project will comply with the City's Park Dedication Fee requirement, which includes a fee of \$7,350.75 per unit. The project will generate \$588,060 for the Citywide acquisition and improvement of park facilities to offset this potential increased use.
- 10. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE (b) The project will provide additional housing units for the City's housing stock and has cumulative incremental effects, but these effects are not significant based on applicable environmental thresholds, existing facility and system capacities, and/or adopted service levels.
- 11. GEOLOGY AND SOILS (a)(ii) The project site is not located in an area with any active faults, but may experience strong seismic ground shaking in the event of an earthquake. Through the City's implementation of the Uniform Building Code requirements for area's with potential for seismic activity, this aspect of the project will be reduced to a less than significant level.
- 11. GEOLOGY AND SOILS (a)(iii) See Note for 11 (ii).
- 11. GEOLOGY AND SOILS (c) See Note for 11 (ii).
- **13. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC (a)** The Traffic Division of the Public Works Department has determined the project does not warrant the preparation of a Traffic Study and the proposed project will not have a significant impact on transportation or traffic because the project will not generate additional peak hour traffic trips.
- **13. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC (b)** The Traffic Division of the Public Works Department has determined the project does not warrant the preparation of a Traffic Study and the proposed project will not have a significant impact on transportation or traffic because the project density is below the adopted maximum density for the project site that is noted in the General Plan.
- **15. RECREATION** (a) The project will generate a very slight increase in the use of existing park facilities, but this impact is less than significant because the project will comply with the City's Park Dedication Fee requirement, which includes a fee of \$7,350.75 per unit. The project will generate \$588,060 for the Citywide acquisition and improvement of park facilities to offset this potential increased use.

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15. RECREATION (b) See Note for 15 (a).

DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS THAT ARE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

2. AIR QUALITY (d) The project requires significant grading of the site, including demolition of he existing building and potential remediation of any contaminated soil or groundwater on site. This may introduce temporary and short term dust into the air, and therefore, temporarily affect air quality. There is an existing multi-family residential project to the east (City of Santa Clara) where children and seniors likely reside. This population could be negatively affected by the change in air quality if mitigation is not implemented. Through the City's implementation of the Municipal Code's construction regulations, Bay Area Air Quality regulations, and Regional Water Quality Control Board, this impact will be lessened to a less than significant level during construction.

The following mitigation measures are proposed:

WHAT: Permits must be obtained from the City of Sunnyvale, Bay Area Air Quality, and Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to demolition or construction.

WHEN: These permits are required prior to any demolition or construction at the site.

WHO: The property owner will be solely responsible for obtaining permits.

HOW: These mitigation measures will be required to be completed prior to building permit issuance.

7. NOISE (a) The project may introduce short-term and temporary additional sources of noise to the project area during construction, as well as, the future population of this proposed residential community may be affected by noise existing in the surrounding area. Through the City's implementation of the Citywide Design Guidelines and Municipal Code noise regulations, this impact will be lessened to a less than significant level during construction.

Appendix A of the Noise Sub-element of the General Plan establishes noise contours that may result in the residential units closest to Fair Oaks and Tasman being subjected to noise levels exceeding the maximum permitted by the goals and ordinances of the City of Sunnyvale. The Noise Sub-element of the General Plan, Action Statement 3.6A.1f notes: "Supplement the "Noise and Land Use Compatibility Guidelines" for residential uses by attempting to achieve an outdoor Ldn of no greater than 60dBA for common recreation areas, backyards, patios, and medium and large-size balconies. These guidelines should not apply where the noise source is a railroad or airport...."



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The applicant submitted a noise study prepared by Veneklasen Associates, (report is on file in the Community Development Department) analyzing the existing exterior noise levels at the site on November 30 and December 1, 2005. The study measured the noise levels at the property lines along Aster Avenue and the corner of Aster and Willow Avenue, which includes both Caltrains and freight trains north of the site, Peninsula Building Materials activities, Aster Avenue road noise, and Lawrence Expressway road noise. The measurement occurred over two, 24-hour period and the results are presented as an average for the day. According to the noise study, noise level along Aster was the most significant and reached 67bBA over the 24-hour period. The average level along Willow Avenue was 64dB. To account for a future traffic increase, 1dB was added for a total noise level of 68dB and 65dB.

When determining if noise generated from adjacent streets are at acceptable levels for a project, the Noise Sub-Element of the General Plan is typically applied to projects. The Sub-Element requires that interior noise levels cannot exceed a maximum 24-hour day/night average sound level of 45dB when there is an exterior noise level of 60dB or greater. In this case, the noise level generated from Aster reached 67dB, and Willow reached 64dB, therefore, the noise needs to be attenuated through standard construction techniques, so that the interior noise level is 45dB or less.

Table 2 "State of California Noise Guidelines for Land Use Planning Summary of Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environment" of the Noise Sub-element of the General Plan provides suggested exterior noise exposure by land use category. The "Normally Acceptable" range of noise for residential use extends to 60dB. "Conditionally Acceptable" noise for residential uses extends to 75dB. The future noise projection for the project at 61 to 71db falls within the "Conditionally Acceptable" category. The noise consultant has suggested that a sound wall of 8 feet high would mitigate much of the sound at the Willow Avenue side of the site. Due to design goals and aesthetic issues, a sound wall is not an acceptable mitigation measure for the City. Therefore, to attempt to achieve attenuation to 60dB along Willow Avenue for the outdoor patio and open space areas, the site plan should include a low fence, landscaping, or other aesthetically pleasing mitigation measure that achieves the lowest possible dB for this area.

The study recommends disclosure of the existing noise sources, ventilation systems for all units to meet noise level requirements with closed windows, and Sound Transmission Class (STC) rating of 30 or higher to meet the indoor noise level maximum of 45dB. Staff has also included the recommendation for a higher STC rating for all windows and door facing towards Pacific Building Material, CalTrain, and Lawrence Expressway, as a mitigation for the adjoining noise uses to address potential annoyances from the existing conditions.

This will be accomplished through the following mitigation measures are proposed:



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- WHAT: 1) Any residential unit facing Aster Avenue or Willow Avenue shall have ALL the windows and doors facing the street (including any side windows/doors) sound rated to a range of STC 34 or greater. The windows and doors facing away from Aster or Willow Avenues shall be sound rated to a range of STC 30 or greater.
 - 2) All other residential units shall have all windows and doors sound rated to a range of STC 30 or greater.
 - 3) Since all windows and doors are required to be shut to achieve a dBA_or 45 or less, ventilation or air conditioning systems must be incorporated to provide a habitable environment for all habitable space.
 - 4) Prior to final occupancy of all unit facing Aster Avenue or Willow Avenue, a noise consultant shall conduct a 24 hour analyzing the existing interior noise levels. The measurement occurred over two, 24-hour period and the results are presented as an average for the day.
- WHEN: These mitigation measures will be converted into conditions of approval for this Special Development Permit prior to its final approval by the City's Planning Commission. The conditions will become valid when the SDP is approved and prior to building permit issuance.
- WHO: The property owner will be solely responsible for implementation and maintenance of these mitigation measures.
- HOW: The conditions of approval will require these mitigation measures to be incorporated into the construction plans.

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City of Sunnyvale General Plan:

- 3. Air Quality Sub-Element
- 4. Community Design Sub-Element
- 5. Community Participation Sub-Element
- Cultural Arts Sub-Element 6.
- 7. Executive Summary
- 8. -Fire Services Sub-Element
- 9. Fiscal Sub-Element
- 10. Heritage Preservation Sub-Element
- Housing & Community Revitalization Sub-11.
- 12. Land Use & Transportation Sub-Element
- 13. Law Enforcement Sub-Element
- 14. Legislative Management Sub-Element
- 15. Library Sub-Element
- 16. Noise Sub-Element
- 17. Open Space Sub-Element.
- 18. Recreation Sub-Element
- 19. Safety & Seismic Safety Sub-Element
- 20. Sanitary Sewer System Sub-Element
- 21. Socio-Economic Sub-Element
- 22. Solid Waste Management Sub-Element
- 23. Support Services Sub-Element
- 24. Surface Run-off Sub-Element
- Water Resources Sub-Element 25.

26. City of Sunnyvale Municipal Code:

- 27. Chapter 10
- Zoning Map 28.
- 29. Chapter 19.42. Operating Standards
- Chapter 19.28. Downtown Specific Plan District 30.
- Chapter 19.18. Residential Zoning Districts 31.
- 32. Chapter 19.20. Commercial Zoning Districts
- 33. Chapter 19.22. Industrial Zoning Districts
- 34. Chapter 19.24. Office Zoning Districts
- 35. Chapter 19.26. Combining Zoning Districts
- 36. Chapter 19.28. Downtown Specific Plan
- 37. Chapter 19.46. Off-Street Parking & Loading
- 38. Chapter 19.56. Solar Access
- 39. Chapter 19.66. Affordable Housing
- 40. Chapter 19.72. Conversion of Mobile Home Parks to Other Uses
- 41. Chapter 19.94. Tree Preservation
- 42. Chapter 19.96. Heritage Preservation

Specific Plans

- 43. El Camino Real Precise Plan
- 44. Lockheed Site Master Use Permit
- Moffett Field Comprehensive Use Plan 45.
- 101 & Lawrence Site Specific Plan 46.
- Southern Pacific Corridor Plan

Environmental Impact Reports

- 48. Futures Study Environmental Impact Report
- 49. Lockheed Site Master Use Permit Environmental Impact Report
- 50. Tasman Corridor LRT Environmental Impact Study (supplemental)
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Replacement

Center Environmental Impact Report (City of Santa Clara)

- Downtown Development Program Environmental 52. Impact Report
- 53. Caribbean-Moffett Park Environmental Impact
- 54. Southern Pacific Corridor Plan Environmental Impact Report

Maps

- 55. City of Sunnyvale Aerial Maps
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FEMA) 56.
- Santa Clara County Assessors Parcel 57.
- 58. Utility Maps (50 scale)

Lists/Inventories

- 59. Sunnyvale Cultural Resources Inventory List
- Heritage Landmark Designation List 60.
- Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory 61.
- 62. Hazardous Waste & Substances Sites List (State of California)
- 63. List of Known Contaminants in Sunnyvale

Legislation/Acts/Bills/Codes

- Subdivision Map Act
- 65. Uniform Fire Code, including amendments per SMC adoption
- 66. National Fire Code (National Fire Protection Association)
- 67. Title 19 California Administrative Code
- 68. California Assembly Bill 2185/2187 (Waters Bill)
- 69. California Assembly Bill 3777 (La Follette Bill)
- 70. Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III

Transportation

- California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual
- 72. California Department of Transportation Traffic Manual
- 73. California Department of Transportation Standard
- 74. California Department of Transportation Standard Specification
- 75. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Trip Generation
- 76. Institute of Transportation Engineers Transportation and Traffic Engineering Handbook
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation Federal Highway 77. Admin. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways
- 78. California Vehicle Code
- 79. Traffic Engineering Theory & Practice by L. J. Pegnataro
- 80. Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program and Technical Guidelines
- 81. Santa Clara County Transportation Agency Short Range Transit Plan

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- Santa Clara County Transportation Plan
- 83. Traffic Volume Studies, City of Sunnyvale Public works Department of Traffic Engineering Division
- 84. Santa Clara County Sub-Regional Deficiency
- 85. Bicycle Plan

Public Works

- Standard Specifications and Details of the Department of Public Works
- 87. Storm Drain Master Plan
- 88. Sanitary Sewer Master Plan
- Water Master Plan
- Solid Waste Management Plan of Santa Clara 90. County
- 91. Geotechnical Investigation Reports -
- 92. Engineering Division Project Files
- 93. Subdivision and Parcel Map Files

Miscellaneous

- 94. Field Inspection
- 95. Environmental Information Form
- Annual Summary of Containment Excesses (BAAQMD)
- 97. Current Air Quality Data
- Chemical Emergency Preparedness Program 98. (EPA) Interim Document in 1985?)

- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Population Projections
- Bay Area Clean Air Plan
- City-wide Design Guidelines
- 102. Industrial Design Guidelines

Building Safety

- 103. Uniform Building Code, Volume 1, (Including the California Building Code, Volume 1)
- 104. Uniform Building Code, Volume 2, (Including the California Building Code, Volume 2)
- 105. Uniform Plumbing Code, (Including the California Plumbing Code)
- 106. Uniform Mechanical Code, (Including the California Mechanical Code)
- 107. National Electrical Code (Including California Electrical Code)
- 108. Title 16 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

Additional References

- 109. USFWS/CA Dept. F&G Special Status Lists
- 110. Project Traffic Impact Analysis
- 111. Project Description
- 112. Project Development Plans
- 113. Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Plan
- 114. Federal Aviation Administration